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EUROPE

1. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Plans for obtaining release of US soldiers--
 The Department of State has informed Acting Political Adviser Riddleberger in Berlin that if the Czechoslovak Government cannot offer satisfactory proof that the two imprisoned US soldiers are guilty of espionage, General Clay will be instructed to inform the Czechoslovak mission in Berlin that he will have to revoke permission for Czechoslovak consular and other officials to remain in the US Zone of Germany unless the soldiers are released promptly. Meanwhile, if these steps fail to result in the release of the soldiers, the Department is considering the possibility of terminating the exchange of goods between the US Zone and Czechoslovakia and preventing transit traffic through the Zone.

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2. CHINA: Stuart not to make precipitous departure--The Department of State, in response to an inquiry from US Ambassador Stuart, has informed him that it is not the Department's intention that he make a precipitous departure from China after the Communists seize power in Nanking. The Department considers it of the greatest importance that Stuart attempt, by informal contacts with Communist authorities, to regularize the status of US Consulates and communities in Communist territory.

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